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Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Location C1E Conference Room

Roll call

EMPAC members:

(x) Dr. John Abbott (x) Dr. Gene Eby (x) Jason Kotas

(x) Dr. Stein Bronsky (x) Dr. William Hall (x) Randy Kuykendall (x) Thomas Candlin (x) Dr. Art Kanowitz (x) Dr. Kevin Weber

(x) William Dunn (x) Dr. Benji Kitagawa

All members were present.

Staff members:

(x) Michelle Reese (x) Marilyn Bourn () Mike Gullatte

(x) Nick Boukas (x) Sean Caffrey

Members of the Public: Mark Burdick, Bill Johnston, Dan Noonan, Dr. Michele Sweeney, Mark Turner.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eby.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of By-Laws

A discussion ensued on the by-laws. A motion was made by Dr. Hall to approve the by-laws as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Weber.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Waiver Process

Dr. Kanowitz presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the recommendations of the task force formed to analyze the waiver process. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Dr. Abbott to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee regarding the waiver process. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eby.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Dr. Kanowitz distributed an email received by Dr. Hughes requesting an extension of an RSI waiver as it was due to expire prior to the adoption of the EMPAC process. Dr. Kanowitz spoke to the data related to the waiver as well as its protocol. Mr. Kuykendall reminded the Council that they cannot extend a waiver but only approve or deny a waiver. A motion was made by Dr. Abbott to approve Dr. Hughes' RSI waiver until May 30, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eby.

MOTION passed unanimously approving Dr. Hughes' waiver for RSI for Upper San Juan Ambulance with an expiration date of May 30, 2011.

Agenda Item: The task force will reconvene to discuss exigent and/or emergency waivers, as well as the feasibility of granting extensions.

EMS Practice and Medical Director Oversight Rules

A discussion ensued regarding the EMT I-99 level. Mr. Kuykendall reiterated that the National Registry of EMTs has committed to maintain the EMT I-99 exam at least through 2019. There will not be a national EMT-I certification level (NREMT discontinuing I-99 level in 2013), just a testing tool, which is fine for Colorado because Colorado doesn't require the maintenance of NREMT. Individuals testing at the EMT I-99 level after 2013 will receive an AEMT certification from the NREMT but an EMT I-99 certification from CDPHE.

Dr. Michele Sweeney presented to the Council the background of the EMS Practice Taskforce which was tasked with defining the scope of practice with the new Advanced EMT level. The Taskforce compared the national curriculum with scope of practice for the EMT-IV level and EMT I-99 level. Dr. Sweeney distributed copies of the National Scope of Practice and the Colorado Scope of Practice as handouts to the Council for their review. Discussion ensued on the approach taken and decision making process.

Discussion was brought forward on CPAP/BiPAP/PEEP on all levels and its inclusion as one category. A motion was made by Dr. Eby to exclude CPAP/BiPAP/PEEP on the AEMT level. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bronsky.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on the scope of practice. A motion was made by Dr. Eby to split the rows on the table to differentiate between Epinephrine 1:1,000 SQ or IM and Epinephrine 1:10,000 for Respiratory and Allergic Reactions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Weber.

MOTION passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Eby to include call-in requirements for AEMT as is for the EMT-I by being indicated with a star (*) on the scope of practice table within the Practice Rules. The motion was seconded by Dr. Abbott.

MOTION passed unanimously.

The Council took a recess at 11:23 AM and reconvened at 11:35 AM.

Michelle Reese discussed the status of the EMS Practice and Medical Director Oversight rules (Practice Rules). Ms. Reese explained that much of the changes were reflective of new terminology being used on the national level. Discussion ensued regarding the certification programs and how graduates are affected by the proposed rules. Ms. Reese requested that the EMPAC make a final recommendation at the next meeting so they may be sent to the Attorney General for review and comment before they are heard by the Executive Director/Chief Medical Officer of the Department. Mr. Kuykendall stated that the Department will conduct three (3) town hall meetings to present the Rules for EMS Certification and EMS Practice for stakeholder review and questions. The meeting dates have not yet been determined but the locations are Pueblo, Grand Junction and Greeley. Dr. Bronsky requested staff examine the feasibility of adding language for the extension of waivers.

Agenda Item: Recommendation for the Rules Pertaining to EMS and Medical Director Oversight

Other Discussion/New Business

Mr. Dunn requested to place the out of town meeting schedule on the upcoming agenda.

Dr. Abbott inquired about the number of Medical Directors who have updated their registration information. Dr. Kanowitz responded that approximately 80% of the files have been updated. He further stated that there are no provisions or requirements for Medical Directors to file such.

Adjourn

Dr. Eby moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Kotas.

MOTION passes unanimously.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2011, 9-12, CDPHE – Room C1E.